

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Kinya OZAWA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2871

Application No.: 09/835,491

Examiner: T. Duong

Filed: April 17, 2001

Docket No.: 109137

For: LIQUID CRYSTAL DEVICE, PROJECTION TYPE DISPLAY APPARATUS, AND
ELECTRONIC APPARATUS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the April 4, 2003 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1, 2 and 4-8 are pending. Reconsideration based on the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Bos et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,141,074) in view of Hattori et al. (Pub. No. US 2002/0085154 A1); Claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Bos in view of Hattori, and further in view of Miyatake et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,092,664); and Claims 4, 5, 7, and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Bos in view of Hattori, and further in view of Ichikawa et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,339,459 B1). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

The Office Action appreciates that Bos does not disclose the ratio d/L being at least 1, as recited in claim 1. The Office Action asserts that Hattori makes up for the deficiencies of Bos by disclosing this feature. However, Hattori does not qualify as a reference under any section of 35 U.S.C. § 102 because the December 6, 2001 filing date of Hattori is after both

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filing dates of the two foreign application from which the present application claims priority. Specifically, the present application claims priority based on JP 2000-115207 (with a filing date of April 17, 2000) and JP 2001-064073 (with a filing date of March 7, 2001). A Submission of Certified Translation of Foreign Priority Documents with certified translations of JP Application No. 2001-064073 and JP Application No. 2000-115207 was filed on March 6, 2003. Applicants' representative contacted Examiner Duong on April 15 to inquire about the status of the Submission. Examiner Duong indicated that the Submission had been misplaced at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Accordingly, Applicants re-submit concurrently herewith verified translations of JP Application No. 2001-064073 and JP Application No. 2000-115207 for consideration by the Examiner. The English-language translations of the priority documents perfect foreign priority for this application.

Applicants respectfully request that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103 be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures:

Verified Translations of JP Application No. 2001-064073
and JP Application No. 2000-115207.

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